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SUBJECT:PRG ISSUE AT LAW OF WAR CONFERENCE: PANAMA

REF: A) PANAMA 0724; B) STATE 10509

1. DEPT WAS SURPRISED AND DISAPPOINTED BY DOWN-THE-LINE
ABSTENTIONS BY GOP ON CHOICE BETWEEN RULE 32 AND RULE 35,
AND ON BOTH CHALLENGES TO CHAIR RULINGS, GIVEN PANAMA'S
FIRM ASSURANCE THAT IT WOULD VOTE WITH LATIN AMERICAN
MAJORITY. AS POST AWARE, VOTES ON THESE THREE QUESTIONS
ALL HAD MAJORITY OF LATIN AMERICANS SUPPORTING OUR POSITION.
BALLOTS, RESPECTIVELY, WERE: (A) 11(US)-2-7;
(B) 3-12(US)-5; AND (C) 2-12(US)-6 AMONG LA'S PRESENT AND
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2. UNLESS YOU PERCEIVE OBJECTION, EMBASSY SHOULD SEEK APPROPRIATE OCCASION TO CONVEY OUR DISAPPOINTMENT TO HOST GOVERNMENT AT APPROPRIATE LEVEL OF MFA, AND SOLICIT REASONS FOR ABSTENTIONS. AS POST (AND GOP) AWARE THIS IS ISSUE OF HIGH IMPORTANCE TO USG.

3. YOU SHOULD ALSO EXPRESS STRONG US HOPE THAT PANAMA WILL VOTE AGAINST PRG IN WMO POSTAL BALLOT (REF B). KISSINGER

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